

REMARKS

The Examiner indicates that the application is in condition for allowance except for the following formal matters.

The Examiner has objected to the drawings as failing to comply with 37 C.F.R §1.84 (p) (5) because they include reference characters which were not mentioned in the specification. In particular, reference numerals 204, 206, 208, and 210 which appear in Fig. 1 and reference numerals 208, 210, and FL which appear in Fig. 3 have not been described in the specification. In this regard, on page 19, the first full paragraph, the first sentence has been amended to insert --FL-- after “floor surface” in both instances since the reference character FL in Fig. 3 denotes the floor surface. Further, reference numbers 204, 206, 208 and 210 have been deleted.

The Examiner also objects to the drawings because Fig. 10B should be labeled with the legend --prior art-- because only that which is old is illustrated. Accordingly, Fig. 10B has been amended as shown in red.

With respect to Fig. 3, in the paragraph bridging pages 18 and 19, reference is made to “a plurality of photopolymer plates 102...”. However, the reference numeral 102 does not appear to be shown in Figure 3. Accordingly, Fig. 3 has been amended to add the reference numeral 102 and lead line as shown in the attached marked up version of Fig. 3.

With respect to the objection to the specification, the brackets have all been deleted as requested by the Examiner. With respect to the objections to claims 1-21, Applicant has implemented the various changes proposed by the Examiner.

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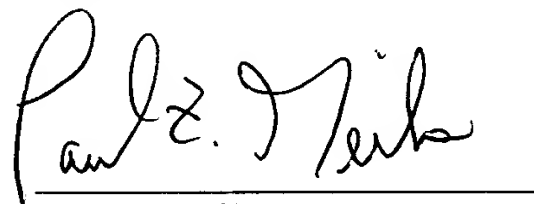
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The Examiner has kindly acknowledged the claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119 as well as receipt of the certified copy of the priority document.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

Attached are three (3) sheets of annotated/marked-up drawings. The Examiner is requested to indicate if the proposed marked-up drawings are approved.

Attachment: 3 Annotated Sheets